2.7 G U J A R A T

1979-80

2.7.1 Administration: Shri J.M.Nanavati is a full time Director of Archives with effect from 15th January, 1980. At present the three Record Offices located at Vadodara, Rajkot and Junagadh are under its administrative control. The present strength of the staff is 68.

2.7.2 Budget : During 1979-80 a sum of Rs.4,12,441 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.4,13,000 on the non-plan side while on the plan side Rs.1,56,240 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.1,62,000. For 1980-81 a budget provision of Rs.4,21,000 was made on the non-plan side and Rs.3,92,000 on the plan side.

2.7.3 Building : A sum of Rs.33 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of Archival building at Gandhinagar and the building was expected to be completed in September 1980.

2.7.4 Record Management : 45,688 files belonging to the princely states of Vadhawan, Vadodara, Mamlatdar Petlad, Morbi, Wankaner Gondal Dhoraji, Dharangadhra, Balana, Patdi, Bhavanagar, Palitana Lathi, Junagadh, Una, Keshod (Bilkha) and Khambat including Record Office, Revenue Department Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar were examined. The records are being reviewed in accordance with the existing Retention Schedules of the Department.

2.7.5 Research and Reference : 9 research scholars availed themselves of the research facilities. 70 files were requisitioned by Government agencies and 100 files by the private agencies.

2.7.6 Reference Media : The ferists of various series of records available in the custody of the Central Record Offices

were prepared. Preparation of descriptive lists of records of permanent nature viz. Independence Movement files, integration of records of the ex-Commissioner's Branch are in progress.

2.7.7 Publication Programme : Central Record Office, Vadodara (old Baroda Record Office) has published in the past 7 volumes in old series of "Historical Selections from Baroda State Records" 1724-1825, and in new series volume I (i.e. No.VIII, 1825-35) and Volume No.II (i.e. No.IX - Disturbances in Gujarat 1857-64). Besides, (i) Volume No.X, Selection from Shastri Daftar (1799-1839) and (ii) Catalogues of persian Documents were also published.

2.7.8 Preservation of Records : 117 files were flattened, 376 repaired with tissue papers, 50 documents repaired with acetate foil, 982 files bound, 2,837 files stitched and 1,099 books repaired and bound (The figures include the work done in the Central Record Offices at Vadodara and the District Record Office, Junagadh).

2.7.9 Photo-Duplication : The Department has no microfilming unit of its own. However, one microfilm reader is available for the use of scholars.

2.7.10 Library : 17,696 books were acquired by the Gujarat State Archives, while 7,355 and 5,000 books were acquired by Central Record Office, Vadodara and District Record Office, Junagadh respectively. 1,2071 cards were prepared.

2.7.11 Other Activities : The International Archives week was celebrated by the Department of Archives during 24th-30th November 1979. In this connection an exhibition of documents and copper plates (inscription) was arranged. A radio talk on

'Vadodara - no - Daft a-bandhno' was delivered by Shri C.B. Pandya, Superintendent, Department of Archives, Ahmedabad on 26th November 1979 from All India Radio, Ahmedabad.

Shri M.M.Desai, Superintendent, Central Record Office, Vadodara and Shri K.K.Bhavsar, Superintendent, Central Record Office, Rajkot were deputed to National Archives of India, New Delhi for one-year Diploma Course in Archives-Keeping while Shri D.S.Vaghela, Superintendent in-charge, Central Record Office, Rajkot, was deputed for short-term training in "Record Management".

Shri N.M.Parmar, Binder, received training in repair of records in the National Archives of India.